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## ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises ..... 5:41 a. m.  
Sun sets ..... 6:15 p. m.  
Length of day ..... 12 h. 33 m.  
Day's Increase ..... 3 h. 33 m.  
High water ..... 8:41 a. m.  
Moon sets ..... 8:17 p. m.  
Low water ..... 2:10 a. m.

# DEATH TOLL NOW 158; MEASURES FOR RELIEF ARE BEGUN

**Fear Reports From Isolated Regions and Deaths Among Injured Would Swell Total—Wire Communication Being Restored Rapidly.**

Chicago, March 30.—The death toll of Sunday's tornadoes which ripped paths of destruction through sections of eight states, stood early today at 158 with fears expressed that reports from isolated regions and deaths among the injured might increase the total. Stricken communities were emerging today from the wreckage wrought by the storm, and relief measures for the thousands of injured and homeless were well under way.

Wire communication in the affected areas was being restored and this was expected to add in clearing up the extent of the destruction and the total number of those who lost their lives. Tabulated reports by states today gave the number of deaths as follows:

Indiana 26; Adams county 2; Allen county 11; Jay county 11; Steuben county 1; Montgomery county 1; Union City 10.  
Illinois 27; Elgin 2; Irving Park 6; Melrose Park 10; Maywood 4.  
Ohio 25; Greenville and Nashville 2; Van Wert 3; Moulton 1; Xenia 1; and Brainerd 6; Genoa 2; Kams Corners 4.  
Michigan 12; Pontiac 4; Maple Grove 2; East 1; Coldwater 2; Hart 1; Kalamazoo 1; Yankee Spring 1.  
Georgia 28; LaGrange 26; West Point 10; Macon 1; Milner 1.  
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## Police Unable To Locate Murderers

### EXPECT ARREST OF OPERATORS

Violators of Lever Act To Be Arraigned on May 4

Indianapolis, Ind., March 30.—Arrest of coal operators and miners charged with violation of the Lever act probably will begin within a week, federal officers say. Seventy of the 125 men indicted reside in Illinois, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania and capias for their arrest will be served by officers in those states.

When arrested the defendants will be required to give bond fixed at \$500 or \$1000 by U. S. District Judge A. B. Anderson. They will be arraigned here on May 4.

Defendants whose connections with the coal industry have not previously been given out in connection with W. A. Luce, operator Sewickley, Pa.; P. T. Fagan, Pennsylvania miner and P. R. Lincoln, operator, Pittsburgh.

**TO ADHERE TO LEAGUE.**  
Paris, March 30.—The assembly of delegates of the Swiss league of peasants, meeting in Bern, has adopted by 214 votes to four a resolution advising the peasants of Switzerland to vote for the adherence of their country to the League of Nations.

## Connecticut River Is Going Down Slowly

Hartford, Conn., March 30.—The flood in the Connecticut river is receding. It reached its highest point at midnight—22 to 24 feet. Up to noon today it had receded a foot. This is said to be due to the colder weather. Rivermen say the water will go up again with a warm spell.

Boston, March 30.—Further damage by the freshet swollen rivers in New England was averted by a slight recession of the water today. Cities and towns along the Merrimack, which reached the highest point in many years, reported that the crisis had apparently passed. The Connecticut river was still seven feet above normal early today, but was virtually clear of ice south of the Vermont line.

There was a jam at Vernon, Vt., behind the Connecticut River Power Company's dam and a new cofferdam under construction and officials of the company said it might be necessary to break it with dynamite. The river at this point was two feet lower than on Sunday when it swept away the Hinsdale bridge at Brattleboro. Flooded tributaries of the Merrimack and the Connecticut rivers have caused considerable damage. Lowland farms were inundated and many bridges weakened in Vermont.

## WOMEN VOTE IN KENTUCKY

Gov. Morrow Signs Measure Recently Passed By Assembly.

Frankfort, Ky., March 30.—Suffrage of women in the next presidential election apparently is assured by the signature yesterday by Governor Morrow of the measure passed by the legislature granting women the right to vote for presidential electors.

Action of the governor was withheld until the last day allotted him, it was said, in the hope that another state would ratify the constitutional amendment and thus give the general ballot to women throughout the country. The legislature bill provides for a separate ballot.

The governor's secretary said the bill would have been vetoed as unnecessary in the opinion of the federal amendment which would make national suffrage operative.

## HEAVY SEAS DESTROY SUB

San Diego, Cal., March 30.—Officers of the S. I. Supply ship Glacier, which had returned here today from Magdalena Bay, reported the stranded submarine H-1 so badly buffeted by heavy seas that it was "little better than junk."

The Glacier brought to San Diego the bodies of H. M. Giles and M. P. Delamain, members of the crew who lost their lives when the submarine grounded at the entrance to Magdalena Bay.

Lieut. Commander James R. Webb and Joseph Kauffman, who were killed at the same time, have not been recovered.

Efforts on the part of the police today failed to unearth any new clues as to the identity of the three men who shot and killed Vito Lamonia, a wealthy Italian of this city and slightly wounded Anne Cuomo, as the couple stood on the front porch of their residence at 651 Beachmont avenue about 10 o'clock last night.

That Lamonia may have been shot to death by relatives of his wife, whom he deserted 16 years ago in New York city, is the latest theory advanced for the crime. Another theory is the murdered man may have been the victim of a gang of organized outlaws.

According to the story told by Anne Cuomo, who is reported to have been living with Lamonia in Bridgeport for the past 10 years, she and Lamonia reached their home, 651 Beachmont avenue about 10 o'clock last night, having come from the Roma restaurant, at 457 Water street. The woman is the proprietress of the establishment.

When the front door was reached, the couple noticed three men approach them from across the street. The trio stopped at the gate, sent drawing revolvers fired a volley at the pair. Lamonia dropped to the veranda floor with four bullets in his body. He was probably instantly killed. The woman received a slight wound in the breast.

The three men then dashed through the yard, ran west to Main street, down Main street to Fern St., through Fern street and then into the wood where they disappeared.

## DELAWARE MAY VOTE TOMORROW

Dover, Del., March 30.—Republican leaders in the lower house of the Delaware legislature planned to report from committee today without recommendation, the woman suffrage ratification resolution which was introduced in the House last week. It also is planned to report a similar resolution from the Senate.

A vote is not expected in either house before tomorrow and the roll call on the resolution might be further delayed.

While every influence is being brought to bear upon the legislators one way or the other there was no apparent change in the situation when the two houses met today to transact miscellaneous business.

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New Haven, March 30.—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday.

# A. B. Beers Denmark Faces General Strike

**G.A.R. Vet. Dies At 75**

**Prominent Citizen Dies At Fairfield Avenue Home.**

With the death of Judge Alfred B. Beers, who passed away at his home, 753 Fairfield avenue this morning at 11:45, the city loses one of its most prominent citizens, who since his arrival at manhood has taken a very active part in the social, political and religious activities of the city.

Judge Beers would have been 75 years of age on April 23 next, and had lived in this city for the past 73 years. He was born in New Rochelle, New York, and shortly after his birth his parents moved to this city.

He had been a practicing lawyer in this city for 49 years and had held many positions of honor, the duties of which he performed with singular conscientiousness and ability.

He was judge of the City Court for several terms, and city attorney for 18 years, and for many years was an active member of the Library board.

He was a veteran of the Civil War having fought in the Army of the Potomac and in the Army of the South.

## VALUABLES AND MAN MISSING

Young Woman Trusted Burnette Not Wisely But Too Well.

Miss Evelyn Steele, of 768 Park avenue, reported to the police yesterday, the loss of \$150 worth of Liberty bonds, a gold signet ring, a gold watch and chain and last, but not least an intended husband.

The authorities are looking for the missing jewelry and the prospective bridegroom.

According to her story Miss Steele met a man who gave his name as Frank Burnette, of 752 Park avenue, about two weeks ago and soon the couple became engaged. Last Saturday, Burnette asked Miss Steele for her Liberty bonds, and told her that he could cash them for her at par value.

He said he wanted to take her signet ring so he could get the size for a diamond ring which he intended to buy for her, and then took the watch and chain under the pretense of taking them to the jeweler's to be repaired.

The girl waited until yesterday for Burnette to return. When it became evident that the man had deceived her, Miss Steele reported the matter to the police. An inquiry at Burnette's boarding house disclosed the fact that he came there a short time ago without baggage of any kind. He disappeared Saturday and has not been seen since that time.

Although he admitted he was carrying a load of beer in his motor truck, William Dooley of Bronson avenue denied at a hearing today before Deputy Motor Vehicle Commissioner MacDonald that he was intoxicated on November 18, 1919, when his car collided with a motorcycle in Fairfield. Dooley admitted he had consumed a few glasses of "near beer" but not enough to make him see funny pictures.

Dooley could remember much about the accident. He claimed he was having trouble with the engine of the truck and as the motorcycle was stopping suddenly and then starting it was difficult for him to avoid the collision, the accused said. The commissioner continued the case until Dooley produces a statement from his physician telling whether Dooley was intoxicated on the day of the accident.

## JOURNAL GIVES JOHNSON NOTICE

One of the leading articles in the Journal of the American Medical Association, issue of March 27, is Cesarean Section under Procin Aneesthesia, the article describing an operation performed by Dr. J. Murray Johnson, of this city, and Dr. J. Morris New Haven.

Vincent's hospital some time ago. The case while not unique in medical annals, occurs so rarely that every operation of its kind draws attention of doctors and surgeons the country over. The noteworthy fact in the case is that local anesthesia only is given, rather than a general one.

Boston, March 30.—The supreme court today denied a request of Mrs. Emilie B. Hull of New York for leave to intervene in the litigation between the directors of the Christian Science Church and the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society.

## GOODWIN AND BURDICK MEET

An informal meeting was held this morning in City Hall between Joseph Goodwin of the Connecticut Company, Alderman Burdick, chairman of the Streets and Sidewalks committee, and Jacob A. Courtade of the Public Works department.

During the discussion the paving of streets between trolley tracks and the margin on either side was discussed as was also certain cross-overs desired by the Connecticut Company and a possible rerouting of North Main street trolleys. The plan for rerouting, if put into effect, will take North Main street trolleys on the southbound trip down Golden Hill and thence to the Plaza and back Main, reversing the present route.

# "UNFITNESS" CHARGES AGAINST SOCIALISTS HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED

**TEACHERS HOLD LONG MEETING**

**Much Friction Between Grade and High School Instruction.**

The second of two lengthy meetings of the Bridgeport teachers was held yesterday afternoon in the High school, the purpose of the two meetings being the discussion of the increased salaries to be given beginning the first of the coming month. Heretofore grade school teachers were violently opposed to the High school teachers and principals and considerable friction has developed between the two factions.

At a meeting some time ago the discussion waxed wrathfully and indications were that yesterday's meeting would tend in the same direction. At the meeting, however, a communication from Elmer H. Havens was read, to the effect that the Board of Education had already settled the most question of percentage or flat increase and that the "pow-wow" of the teachers would accomplish practically nothing.

The assembled teachers finally adopted this viewpoint. It is reported today that Mrs. C. K. O'Rourke has resigned as head of the grade school teachers' organization.

## Taft Adds His Plea For Special Session

Hartford, Conn., March 30.—Former President William Howard Taft today joined in asking Governor Marcus Holcomb to call a special session of the Connecticut legislature to act on the suffrage amendment. At the end of the meeting this afternoon after the governor had been given the resolution passed by the Republican state convention in New Haven last week the governor reserved his decision.

As the delegation was leaving the executive chambers the governor said: "I am glad that I heard the arguments for the proposition."

Throughout the meeting today the governor paid more attention to the arguments than he has been accustomed to show and was evidently impressed with the manner in which the case was presented to him.

Colonel Isaac Ullman and a large delegation of Republicans presented the resolution. Colonel Ullman emphasized the political expediency of special session and John T. Robinson, member of the men's committee for the ratification of woman suffrage, (Continued on Page Six)

## STOCK-YARDS AT STANDSTILL

Act of 500 Feeders Holds Up 5,000 Employees.

Chicago, March 30.—Chicago's livestock market, the largest in the country, was at a standstill today and 5,000 packing house employees face suspension of work as a result of the strike of 500 feeders at the stockyards.

An embargo ordered yesterday barred all animals from the yards and railroads were busy diverting the thousands of cattle and hogs that ordinarily arrive here each day to other markets.

Dealings today were restricted to a few animals held over from yesterday and no negotiations were made. Union heads have telegraphed Washington asking that federal mediators be sent here, following refusal of Federal Judge Alschuler, who has arbitrated other stock yards troubles, to act unless the men first went back to work.

Calling of the strike caused no increase in meat prices here although the five big packers say their plants will be entirely shut down within a week if the strike continues. Average hog prices yesterday were \$14.75 as compared to \$15.15 last week, and \$19.67 a year ago.

Demand for wage increases of from \$30 to \$40 a month with elimination of Sunday work are made by the strikers. They receive from \$115 to \$145 a month, company officials said.

## BUILDING CO. INCORPORATES

Papers of incorporation for the Federal Building and Loan association today at the Town's Clerk's office. The purpose of the organization is to "encourage thrift and prosperity among the members and assist them to own homes by regularly accumulating the savings of its members in definite amounts and by loaning out such accumulated savings to them in accordance with the laws of this state governing Building and Loan associations."

The incorporators are Charles F. Greene, William T. Meyer, Arthur F. Connor, P. H. Howard, Harry R. Lush and J. L. Christie.

## CANNOT DECIDE ON OWNERSHIP

As the City National bank is unable to decide who is entitled to possession of three United States bonds valued at \$2,130, proceedings were started by the bank in the Superior court today against John F. Murphy and John Murphy of Berlin, Conn., both of whom claim the securities. The bank is willing to give the securities to the rightful owner and asks the court to summon the defendants into court and let them prove their claims.

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—Charges of "unfitness" against the five socialist members of the New York State Assembly—Louis Waldman, August Claessens, Charles Solomon, Samuel A. DeWitt and Samuel Orr—have been sustained by a majority of the assembly judiciary committee in a 20,000 word report submitted to the legislature today. It not only maintains that the suspended members are "disqualified" but says the seats to which they were elected should be declared vacant.

Enactment of a law to prevent any organization which admits aliens to its membership from occupying the position of a political party on the official ballot of the state is also advocated. Waldman, Claessens, Solomon, DeWitt and Orr, the findings state, "are not obedient to the constitution and laws of the United States and of the state of New York, nor desirous of the welfare of the country nor in hearty accord and sympathy with its government and institutions."

Considerable attention is given in the report to the attitude of the socialist party toward the war and the events leading up to it. It mentions the fact that the party constitution provided that "any socialist elected to office who shall in any way vote to appropriate money for military or naval purposes or war shall be expelled from the party." It also quotes from the socialist national platform of 1912 that the working class "must recognize the cry of preparedness against foreign invasion as a mere cloak for the sinister purpose of imperialism abroad and industrial tyranny at home."

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**Bergdoll Sentenced To 5 Years In Prison**

New York, March 30.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy Philadelphia recently court martialled for desertion because of his alleged failure to report for military service under the draft, was sentenced to five years in prison, according to a decision of the court made public here today.

The sentence, effective today, is for hard labor in the jail at Governor's Island. In addition, Bergdoll's rights of citizenship are forfeited as a result of his conviction.

The findings of the court martial which completed its work on March 17 last, were approved today by Lieutenant General Robert Lee Bullard, commander of the department of the east, and immediately communicated to Bergdoll who was in a cell at the island.

Bergdoll was guilty of desertion from August 3, 1918, when he failed to report under the draft. He was arrested at his home in Philadelphia, Jan. 7 last.

In addition to the prison term the sentence provides for discharge from the army and the forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

No defense was offered at the trial although attorneys for the prosecution who testified that Bergdoll was sound mentally.

**WESTPORT SUED FOR DAMAGES**

Claiming that he has not been paid for materials furnished for the construction of the Myrtle avenue school in Westport, E. W. Hubbell of Saginaw has started suit against the Town of Westport and the School committee of that town for \$4,000. Papers were filed today in the Superior court.

The school contract was given to Hubbell by E. W. John of Norwalk and M. J. Fox of Norwalk held a subcontract. Hubbell declares he furnished building materials to Fox to the amount of \$8,366.25 but says only \$3,000 of the amount due has been paid.

**ASKED EMPLOYER FOR CIGARETTE—WAS SHOT**

Vigo, Spain, March 29.—Scarcity of tobacco in this district where it is almost impossible to find this product, led to a murder today in the village of Perquera, near here. Jose Alonso, a laborer, asked his employer, Domingo Alvarez, for a cigarette, and when refused shot Alvarez dead.

**Chicago's Clerical Force Is On Strike**

Chicago, March 30.—Municipal clerks, stenographers and bookkeepers went on strike today for higher salaries, thereby threatening disruption of the city business. In addition 136 garbage handlers were out, shutting down the municipal garbage reduction plant and causing suspension of garbage collection.

A concerted strike of groups of the 18,050 municipal employees, all of whom have demanded increased salaries, reduction of the police force and possible wholesale resignations of policemen and firemen, also became a possibility when the city council early today rejected a revised budget carrying \$4,000,000 to meet salary raises.

After an all night debate over the city's financial tangle the council recessed until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when it will take up the original budget which carries no pay increases.

Three hundred of the 1,000 clerks voted for the strike last night. They receive \$1,500 a year and demand a \$200 raise.

**WILL MODIFY HOME RULE BILL**

London, March 30.—Considerable modification in the fourth Irish home rule bill will be made when it comes to the committee stage, according to indications given in the first day of debate on the measure yesterday. Its adoption is probable and speakers reflected the opinion that the difficulty would come when attempts are made to apply it.

Interest in the bill appeared somewhat lukewarm, considering the importance of the occasion, but it was evident that all minds were centered on the impression that the proposed legislation would make on Anglo-American relations. A very crowded house listened to the debate, the only exciting phase of which was the uproar caused by an address by William Wedgwood Benn relative to the assassination of Lord Mayor MacCurran of Cork.